

# access to space

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## Rapid Spacecraft Development Office (RSDO)

The RSDO is responsible for the management and direction of a dynamic and versatile program directing the definition, competition, and acquisition of multiple Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts. These contracts offer NASA and any other United States Government Agency extremely fast procurement of spacecraft and payload space for future missions.

The RSDO is staffed to support a Scientist or Project Manager funded by NASA or other U.S. Government Agency that may wish to use these contracts to acquire a spacecraft bus to meet mission needs. The RSDO can competitively award a spacecraft bus from among the Rapid II vendors within 30 – 60 days. There are currently 21 different spacecraft in the Rapid II catalog. Standard services in the Rapid II contract include: spacecraft build and test, integration and test of payload(s), support to launch site operations, support to early orbit operations, and on-orbit acceptance. The RSDO can also offer initial assessments of expected price range and arrange for other spacecraft related services and deliverables.

The RSDO staff will serve as guides through the process of matching mission objectives with available contracts. For more information, please contact RSDO at 301-286-1289, or by email at [rsdo@gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:rsdo@gsfc.nasa.gov).

## Recent Changes to the Site

The ATS website looks a little different these days. That is because we are in the process of implementing a series of design changes over the course of the next few months. Recent changes include simplifying navigation, centralizing news and information, and implementing dynamic report generation (see below). Upcoming additions will include a new Launcher Program area and a new area for Alternative Access Methods. Customer feedback is welcomed and encouraged, so if you have any ideas for the site, please use the "contact us" function at <http://accesstospace.nasa.gov> and let us know.

## **New Feature!** - Print / Save Capability in Mission Database

Now you can take it with you when you visit the Mission Database area of Mission Design. Industry-standard PDF files are generated dynamically for query results, mission profiles, or any other information available in this area of the site. The PDF files can be downloaded to your desktop or printed directly from within your browser. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required and available free on the Internet.

## Upcoming Events

### National Space Symposium 2002

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual National Space Symposium will be held in Colorado Springs, CO from April 8-11. The National Space Symposium is the only space-related conference to fully integrate all sectors of space - commercial, civil and national security - while attracting the most important and influential speakers and the national leadership of the space industry. The ATS website will be demonstrated in the exhibit hall so stop by and see us at the *a.i. solutions, Inc.* booth (#20)!

### 2002 Rideshare Conference

The 4th Annual Rideshare Conference will be held in Albuquerque, NM from June 5-6, co-sponsored by the NRO Office of Space Launch and the United States Air Force Space Test Program. This conference brings together the ride sharing community to focus on sharing information and developing effective means to enable more frequent and low cost rides to space. This year's theme is "Roadmap to Space for Small Payloads." More information and the conference agenda is posted on the ATS web site.